



**MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
SITTING AS THE LAW COURT**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Supreme Judicial Court invites amicus briefs on  
whether a petitioner seeking the release of a person  
found not criminally responsible by reason of insanity  
must prove a change in the mental disease or defect  
that formed the basis of the finding.**

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court, sitting as the Law Court, invites briefs of amici curiae on an issue presented in *Michael J. v. State of Maine*, Law Court docket number Ken-14-189. The question presented is whether a petitioner seeking the release of a person found not criminally responsible by reason of insanity must prove a change in the mental disease or defect that led to the finding in order to obtain the release of the person from institutionalization.

Electronic copies of the parties' briefs are available on the Court's website at [www.courts.maine.gov/maine\\_courts/supreme/amicus\\_invites/mj/mj.shtml](http://www.courts.maine.gov/maine_courts/supreme/amicus_invites/mj/mj.shtml).

An amicus brief may be filed by or on behalf of any individual, entity, or group of individuals and/or entities without separate leave of the Court.

Any amicus brief must be filed on or before **February 3, 2015**. An amicus brief must be filed at the address listed below, and must comply with M.R. App. P. 7(c), 9(e)(1), and 9(f). In addition to filing and serving the required number of copies, any amicus must send a copy of the brief electronically, as a single text-based .pdf file, to [lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov](mailto:lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov).

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